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SUBJECT: PRC STATEMENT ON STATUS OF HONG KONG

REF: (A) STATE 118271, (B) PEKING 759

1. CONSUL GENERAL CROSS PASSED THE GIST OF REFTTEL A DURING A
FAREWELL CALL ON GOVERNOR MACLEHOSE, AND ON MAY 19 POL SECTION
CHIEF DISCUSSED THE MESSAGE IN DETAIL WITH POLICIAL ADVISOR
DONALD, PASSING HIM THE TEXT OF THE PRC STATEMENT. DONALD
SAID HE FOUND THE CHINESE STATEMENT INTERESTING AND, IN A
WAY, ENCOURAGING.

2. HE NOTED THAT ON AT LEAST THREE OCCASIONS THE CHINESE HAVE
MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD HONG
KONG. IN A MARCH 8, 1963, PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ENTITLED
"A COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE
USA," PEKING USED LANGUAGE ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE SENTENCE
"WHEN CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT, THE SITUATION WILL BE PEACEFULLY
SOLVED." MOST RECENT AUTHORITATIVE PRONOUNCEMENT, HOWEVER,
WAS A LETTER DATED MARCH 8, 1972, FROM THE PRC PERMREP TO
THE UN ADDRESSED TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 24 WHICH STATED
THAT THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG AND MACAU "SHOULD BE SETTLED
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IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY WHEN CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT." THUS, THE

FORMULATION USED WITH CONGRESSMAN WOLFF REPRESENTS A SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT.

3. POL SECTION CHIEF NOTED THAT THE INFORMATION ON CONGRESSMAN WOLFF'S CONVERSATION WITH SHEN JO-YUN WAS VERY SENSITIVE AND ASKED THAT IT BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE. DONALD SAID HE PLANNED TO REPORT THE INFORMATION TO JOHN BOYD IN FCO, BUT WOULD PLACE APPROPRIATE RESTRICTIONS ON THE MESSAGE. GETSINGER

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